

Utah Numismatic Society

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JANUARY'S AGENDA

- Greetings - Larry Nielsen
- Mini Exhibit— TBA
- News & Views—TBA
- Coin Quiz—TBA
- Spotlight—TBA
- Refreshments—Richard Blaylock & Lavar Kemp



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Presidents Message

Happy New Year Everyone! I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable New Year's celebration and are now ready to move forward into this new year with increased vigor and success.

It is with some sadness that I write this letter this month as it will be my last as your President and Larry Nielsen will be our new President for 2015-16. Larry has been involved with the club for many years and held many different positions of leadership, including being a past President, I encourage everyone to welcome him with open arms and do what you are able to support him in this new role. I am certain we will grow and progress under Larry's leadership and I offer him my full support.

This month we will be having a Bourse so come with something to trade or barter or with a desire to browse and buy. We will also be swearing in our new elected officials.

Over the past two years as you Pres-

ident I have grown in my knowledge concerning our hobby and have made great strides in my own personal collections. Aside from having suffered a stroke just after my induction as President of the club I have learned a great deal, and know there is much, much more to learn. I have expanded my personal library concerning the hobby and have enjoyed the support of you all, whom I am pleased to call friends. I will still be a Board Member and will continue to remain active in the club and in my association with you. I have enjoyed my time at the helm of this great club and look forward to lending my support to Larry as he takes over and leads us.

Thank you all for your support and may God bless you all. I will see you on the 13th.

Sincerely,

Robie Cagle / 2014 UNS President

January 13th Meeting Agenda

Our January meeting will consist of a bourse night. This is another chance for you to become a coin dealer. Bring your duplicates, old books or literature and anything else related to our hobby and be prepared to sell to your fellow club members. Or bring your spare cash and add something special to your own collection.

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Also, we will be swearing in our new officers and board members for their new terms in office. Make sure you mark your calendars and support your club.



## Pictured are 6 of Heritages FUN Catalogues



### Feature Story - FUN Convention

The FUN Convention is one of the largest coin shows held and always starts off the year with a bang. This years dates are January 6-11 and will be held in Orlando. Several of our club members will be attending and will hopefully have additional stories to share with the UNS upon their return. As usual there will be outstanding displays of numismatic rarities, virtually all of the national coin dealers will have tables, there are educational forums as well as meetings of almost all of the national clubs and organizations. If you have never had the opportunity to attend FUN you should definitely make plans if not this year but one year in the future to be present. Florida is usually a great place to spend a few days in January in especially with the recent temperatures here in Utah in the single digits and in some places below zero. Also the restaurants and attractions are something that the family will definitely enjoy even if the wife and kids don't want to

spend 12 hours a day on the bourse floor for up to a week. Of course, who of us would even think of going to Disney World, Universal Studios, or some other adventure when we can spend 12 hours a day looking at coins.

Additionally one of the highlights of the FUN show is the Heritage auctions. After spending 10-12 hours on the bourse floor what else can be better than to attend one of the auctions of which several sessions easily continue past midnight. One year I remember a currency session that wrapped up about 4AM. Just imagine, you could rush back to your room sleep for 2 or 3 hours and be back on the floor the next morning. All while your wife and kids are riding some silly roller coaster or getting wet in a water park. And as for the food you have the greatest \$12 hotdogs and \$4 sodas right there on the convention floor that money can buy. Its almost as good at paying \$17 for a bucket of popcorn and watered down

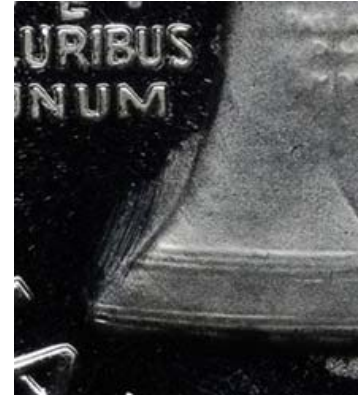
soda at your local movie theater.

So, as avid collectors all of you should make plans to attend FUN soon, or if that seems a bit too far or expensive you have ample time to plan your early spring trip to the ANA being held in nearby Portland this year. You can experience all the fun you missed in Florida plus you have the added advantage of spending 12 hours driving in your car with your lovely wife anxious to visit Portland and your children in the back seat yelling, "are we there yet."

In all seriousness though, these major coin conventions are actually very enjoyable and there is usually plenty of time to take in the local attractions (unless you are manning your dealer table). And if you have never attended I urge you to make your plans now.

Doug Nyholm

## Altered Surface Images



### Counterfeit Corner - Altered Cameo 1960 Proof Half

I have written about many counterfeit coins, copies of ultra-rare issues, a multitude of common fakes that unfortunately many numismatists have been duped by and several obscure but still faked numismatic delicacies.

Also is the fact that virtually every coin issued by the U.S. mint has been counterfeited and every collector has to be always on the alert for something that seems to be what it isn't.

The coin discussed in this column is probably something that virtually all of you reading this may have never thought would be something that a counterfeiter would be interested in. This coin is actually not a counterfeit coin at all but a genuine coin that has been altered. No, there is not an added or removed mintmark, or chased metal to form a rare variety or different date. This is a coin that has had only the finish altered.

As we are all aware, there are collectors who seek after the finest of condition for their collection and

one sought after condition is the quality of Proof finished on modern coins. Both NGC and PCGS grade these coins with the adjectives of "Cameo," "Ultra-Cameo," "First-Strike," as well as other colorful terms. Franklin Halves are often collected by these examples which show a high degree of frost usually found on only the very early strikes from the proof dies, especially the proofs from the early 1950's.

Although the pictured example is a relatively common date, that being a 1960 dated proof, still, extreme Cameo or frost is scarce and sought after by connoisseurs of the series. The so-called counterfeiter or coin-doctor was able to enhance the Cameo effect by some means probably chemical, and at first glance, the coin appears with an exceptional high frosted ultra-cameo appearance.

The ultimate reason for performing this alteration to this coin is for monetary profit. A typical PF-67 proof 1960 Franklin would be hard pressed to sell for above \$50 at most, however, one which may grade Cameo or Ultra-Cameo

could easily top the \$500 mark.

Therefore as previously mentioned, become very familiar with the type of coins you collect including Proof characteristics. The obverse of this coin is quite deceptive but upon closer examination of the reverse you will notice that the cameo effect on the raised lettering and devices bleeds into the field. If you are familiar with the process which creates this effect imparted to the dies that this is actually impossible to occur on a genuine mint product.

Bottom line, do not take anything or any coin for granted. There is always someone who thinks they can fake, enhance, or create something that will separate you from your money.

In conclusion, this type of artificially enhanced finish is quite uncommon to encounter but none-the-less I am continuously amazed at the variety of such items that do exist.

Doug Nyholm



# 1879

MINTAGE: 16,228,000 Number of obverse dies: 76  
Average coins per die: 213,526



Nub at base of 1

Quality improved dramatically this year with strike typically very good. The mintage is high enough that examples are available in most all grades.

A collection of dates from this year on is rather easy in low grades. The 1878 to 1909 set in XF grades and above is challenging only because of the number of dates and a few harder to find dates. It makes a good starter set, though and could be called the "Gilded Age collection". The term *Gilded Age* comes from Mark Twain and Charles Warner's 1873 book *The Gilded Age: A Tale of Today*.

The digit punch exhibits a small nub at the base of the 1. This is found on all 1879 coins.



S1 1879, 8/8 (e) 9/9 (e).

**S1 1879, 8/8 (e) 9/9 (e).**  
*Obs. 1: (R) The 8 and 9 are widely repunched and are visible inside the loops of the digits. Defective 1 digit punch. Subsequently used on all business strikes. Die cracks connect the tops of OF-AMER. Rev. A: Shield points connected to rim. Olive leaf just barely connected. Die polishing lines from diesets 4-60 to 6-80.*

Both dies are earlier used on PR1. The die cracks differentiate the business strikes from Proofs. This is scarce in both formats but is much rarer in this format. (64BN, 62BN, 58)



S1 1879, die cracks.

Doug Nyholm's Copy

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# 1884

S6 1884, 84 in denticles.

*Obs. 4: (R) The top of an 8 & 4 digit are plainly visible in the denticles directly under the 8 & 4 in the date.  
Rev. E:*

This is a relatively minor variety. The digits are plain but not into the field. Same obverse as S1 but without the "tree" reverse. See S1 for this obverse paired with the "tree" reverse. The misplaced digit listed as MPD-002 in Flyn is very similar to this variety. (63RD, 64RB, 63RB, 58, 45)



S6 1884, 84 in denticles.

S7 1884, 88/88 (n).

*Obs. 18: (R) Sharp repunching inside both loops of both 8's. The top of the second 8 is well above the original date.  
Rev. E: Shield points and olive leaves are firmly connected to the denticles. Two widely separated claw marks are visible through the top of the O in ONE.*

*Attributed to: Ron Robertson.*

This is a very wide repunched date. It seems to be very scarce since it escaped detection until 2008. (64RB, 64BN)



S7 1884, 88/88 (n).

S8 1884, 88/88 (n).

*Obs. 12: (LAD) The top of a digit is visible between the denticles to the right of the final 8.  
Rev. M: Shield points are connected to the denticles. Olive leaf is away. Die crack from the rim to the wreath at 1:30 continuing to the wreath at 3:00. Die crack from the rim at 4:00 to the arrowheads.  
Attributed to: Thomas Wagner*

This is a bold misplaced digit and should be visible on any grade example. (50)



S8 1884, digit in denticles.

Doug Nyholm's Copy

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# 1888



S1 1888, 1888/7.

**S1 1888, 1888/7.**

*Obs. 1: (C) A small portion of the 7 is visible under the left half of the last 8, inside the upper loop and protruding out of the upper left edge of the top loop. Die stage A: No cut at 9:00. Die stage B: A large run cut into the denticles at 9:00 above THE in UNITED. Usually weakly struck on the first 3 feather tips and the eighth feather.*

*Rev. A: Olive leaf and shield points connected to denticles. No die cracks.*

*Attributed to: James F. Ruddy*

This is the top variety of the Indian Cent series. It was discovered by Jim Ruddy in 1970, just prior to reentering a partnership with Q. David Bowers, forming Bowers & Ruddy Galleries.

Two examples were located together in a cabinet drawer of a non-collector in Virginia. Initially, the news of the new overdate was kept private by Mr. Ruddy while additional pieces could be found and the rarity ascertained. After extensive publicity in *Coin World* and *Numismatic News*, only 1 additional example showed up and it was only a well worn Good example. The initial pair of discovery coins were described as Beautiful Uncirculated and offered for \$9,300 in 1971 by Bowers & Ruddy Galleries or \$4,950 each. One sold to Robert Marks and the other to dealer Julian Leidman.

Over the years a few more low grade pieces came on the market. The announcement of a previously unknown example usually was an event to be noticed, at least by Indian Cent collectors. In the early 1990's a MS example graded MS-62RB by ANACS came on the market. It was first offered for \$14,000 as California dealer, Sam Lukes related in Q. David Bowers' *Enthusiast's Guide to Flying Eagle and Indian Cents*. The coin failed to sell at that price but sold quickly at \$7,500. It sold soon after that for \$10,000 to Eagle Eye Rare Coins.

Years later in 2004, this coin, now in a PCGS MS-64RB holder, sold for \$85,000. In later years it traded again for well over \$100,000.

A mystery coin, at least to this author, is possibly the finest example known. It was said by Sam Lukes to be an original, but as yet unconfirmed MS-63RD. Sam saw it back in the early 1990's when it was offered to him for \$50,000. He declined the purchase and it later sold for \$43,000.

The third finest known example was discovered in the inventory of Stack's about 1997. It was placed in their auction without reserve. Bidding started at an astounding \$500! After a few increments the bidding was between this author and dealer Anthony Terranova, who was bidding for another dealer. Back and forth the bidding went until I dropped out at \$33,000. The room as astounded at the run-up. Later it graded MS-64BN by NGC and after going into a few collections, sold for \$24,150 in the 2003 July Baltimore sale by Heritage - a steal! The new owner downgraded the coin to MS-61BN PCGS to fit it into his registry collection. Such is the preference of some collectors. After buying coin #2 for \$85,000, this was a duplicate. It was sold in the Heritage 2007 FUN sale for \$58,823. Hill-13.

Doug Nyholm's Copy

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# 1890



1890 PR1.

**PR2**

*Obs. 2: (LAD) Date slants down to the right. The 0 is much closer to the denticles than the 1.*

*Rev. B: Shield points and olive leaf are well away from the denticles.*

These come well struck and very sharp.

**PR3**

*Obs. 21: (C) Slight die roughness inside the lower loop of the 0. The date slanted up to the right so the 0 is further away from the denticles than the 18.  
Rev. W: Olive leaf is connected to denticles. Shield points well away from the denticles.*

These are typically well made, although some have lint strike-throughs.



1890 PR3.

**PR4**

*Obs. 22: (LE) No noticeable die markers. Date position alone should identify this die.  
Rev. A: Olive leaf just connected to the denticles. Shield points connected to denticles. Same die as PR1 in an earlier die state.*

These are typically well made.

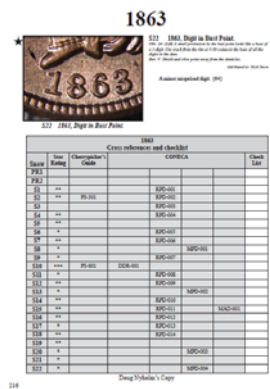
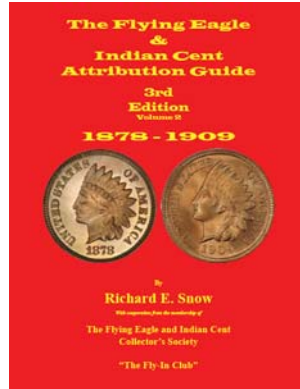
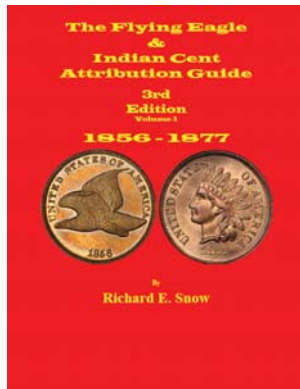


1890 PR4.

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# 2-Volume Flying Eagle and Indian Head Cent Book



## Book Review—

Rick Snows new 2-volume book mentioned last month is off the presses. This book was printed in S. Korea and its shipment was delayed but while proofing the Mint Master my doorbell rang and the book was sitting on my doorstep. As one who pre-ordered the book I was privileged to receive a complete PDF copy of the book prior to the arrival of the hard cover edition.

Therefore I am able to give you a review of the book as I have flipped through all 900+ PDF pages. Pictured at left are four sample pages which show the general format of the book and the degree that Rick has gone to in producing a guide which covers high-resolutions pictures both in actual size and enlargements of thousands of varieties. This truly is a culmination of decades of research and ex-

amination of I can only imagine how many Flying Eagle and Indian Head Cents.

Covered in depth are the origins of these coins beginning in the pattern stages in the early 1850's and an extensive history of the transition from large cents to the Flying Eagle Cent. The pages covering this history from 1850 to 1859 covers 163 pages alone. Every pattern, die marriage, and variety are pictured and covered completely.

There is a year by year analysis of both proof issues and circulation issues with amazing detail of literally thousands of varieties.

The beginning of each year is covered by generally a full page of events for that year which contributed to the details of coinage and currency for the year. I particularly

like this feature because as a history buff I am also interested in what events contributed to either a high or low mintage for the year and possibly led to the creation of a particular rarity.

If you are interested in either Flying Eagle or Indian cents

*Read the Book before purchasing the Coin!*

this is one (or two) books which will give you many enjoyable evenings of reading. Presently offered at \$250 for the set which is certainly not budget minded but quality never is. I highly recommend this book.

Doug Nyholm



One of the most extensive collections of Plate Money ever to be auctioned will be offered by Stacks/Bowers in a few days. Their catalogue contains 55 pages describing 89 lots with a complete history of these unusual items. You can view the entire section on their website at [stacksbowers.com](http://stacksbowers.com).

## Swedish Plate Money



## January Quiz— What do you know about the lowly Roosevelt Dime?

1. How many mints struck Roosevelt Dimes?

- A. Two      B. Three      C. Four      D. Five

2. What regular issue Roosevelt Dime has the lowest mintage?

- A. 1946-S      B. 1949-S      C. 1950-S      D. 1955

3. According to the Red Book which of the following dimes has the highest price.

- A. 1949-S      B. 1950-S      C. 1949      D. 1951-S

4. In order to have a complete type set of Roosevelt Dimes how many coins are required?

- A. Just One      B. Two      C. Three      D. Five

5. How many different dates in the Roosevelt series were struck without the mintmark in error?

- A. Just One      B. Two      C. Three      D. Five

## UNS 2015 Schedule of Events

January - Bourse

February - TBA

March - TBA

April - TBA

May - TBA

June - TBA

*Our 2015 Schedule will be published in full following our January planning meeting.*



July - TBA

July - Picnic

August - TBA

September - TBA

October - TBA

November - Elections

December - Christmas Dinner



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Ex: Garrett Collection



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MS63 BN NGC  
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Only Two Known in Copper  
Ex: Judd Collection



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PR30 NGC  
Ex: Jefferson Davis Estate



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Ex: Garrett Collection



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For those of you who collect Olympic coins and memorabilia, the Central Bank of Brazil has begun issuing the first series of Rio Olympic coins. They are planning multiple issues leading up to the games scheduled for August 5-21, 2016 in Brazil.



## Editors Message

January is always an interesting month for coin collectors. One of the main reasons is the Florida Unified Numismatics or FUN convention held in Florida each January. Heritage conducts one of their premiere auctions in conjunctions with the FUN convention and Stack/Bowers also has significant auctions scheduled for January. This year is not exception and may see at least four coins surpass the million dollar mark with who knows, maybe even more.

I received my usual 15 pounds of auction catalogues recently and look forward to examining the many delicacies listed within their pages, drooling over coins that I will never own and may be lucky enough just to seen them. These catalogs are not just thick listing of special coins but also contain much more including

their history. This is not only who owned them or how much they have sold for but the events that brought about their creation which many times include events that occurred in the United States which preceded their design. Items such as Theodore Roosevelt's desire as president to update and create coinage worthy of this great country. Also the events and symbols in the early 1790's which would subsequently grace our coinage in 1792 and through the early years of our coinage. Many times these auction catalogues contain dozens of pages of information and history on just a single coin. I have learned a great deal of general U.S. history just by reading auction catalogues.

And for those of you who do not subscribe to the hard cop-

ies of these catalogues the websites of these major auction houses contain virtually all of the information displayed in their catalogs. I urge you to check them out. Look up the articles on the presently offered 1907 Ultra-High relief St. Gaudens \$20 or



the information about the collection of colonial coins also being offered. Many of these coins have been off the market for decades and some being offered are unique or nearly so. A wealth of numismatic information is at hand.

Doug Nyholm



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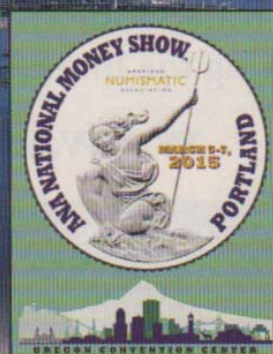
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# Quiz Answers

## Question 1

Four Mints struck Roosevelt's

P D S & did you remember W

## Question 2

Actually 1955, it's mintage is lower than the more valuable 1949-S

## Question 3

The 1949-S has a value of \$70 in MS-65

## Question 4

Just 2, the 90% silver & Clad

## Question 5

4 proofs '68 '70 '75 & '83 plus the 1982 missing the P (5 total)



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## BUY OF THE MONTH—WASHINGTON HALF



## Prizes & “Buy of The Month”

### Youth Prize

Roll of Wheat cents &

2014 P&D Kennedy Half set

### On-Time Prize

1944 D Walker Half Dollar

### Member Prize

1986 Liberty Commemorative Dollar set

Although the January meeting is a bourse, I will have a

### **“Buy of the Month”**

They are 1982 Washington Silver Commemorative Half Dollars (UNC or Proof) for \$9 each.

### Other Prize Drawings:

1955 Franklin Half FBL ANACS-certified

1996 Mint Set including “W” dime

1998 S Proof Congressional Commemorative Dollar

1868 Two cent piece

1936 Washington Quarter Unc.

2014 Baseball HOF half dollar UNC

1926 Standing Liberty Quarter VF

1960 D Washington quarter “Arrow in eagle’s head” unc.

1922 Peace dollar

1884 Liberty “V” Nickel

1946 P Walking Liberty Half





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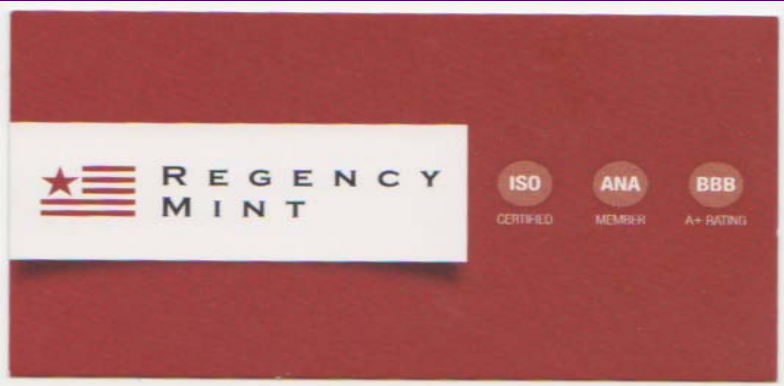
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## 1792 IMAGES



## 1792 PATTERN COINAGE

One of the most complete and extensive collections of Colonial Coinage ever to be offered will be the Donald G Partrick collection to be auctioned by Heritage at this years FUN convention.

The three coins pictured above are some of the rarest patterns ever to be offered for sale. Although not Colonials per say they are extremely important as the first pattern coinage for our fledgling country and mint in 1792.

I suspect that all three of the pictured examples will top the \$1 million mark, the Birch Cent is already bid to \$1.5 million. This is an outstanding coin that is on the cover of the auction catalog and rightly so. I call this coin, one that shouldn't exist! Of only 7 specimens traced this is obviously the finest known. And I say 'shouldn't exist' is due to the condition. This is a pattern struck in 1792. It is graded by NGC as MS-65 ★ Red and

Brown with a CAC sticker. Not wonder pre-bidding has pushed it to \$1.5 million.

The coin pictured at center top is the extremely rare 1792 Disme. The more common 1792 Half Disme is usually seen and several are also offered in this collection but its counterpart the Disme is rarely seen. Both a copper and silver Disme are being offered, the silver example is graded AU-50 and only two are known to exist. There has been much controversy regarding the pronunciation of the word DISME. Many have pronounced it as a two syllable word DIS—ME however the current recognized proper pronunciation is a one syllable word with the S being silent thus pronounced the same as our current dime. The origin of the spelling is French which has the S silent.

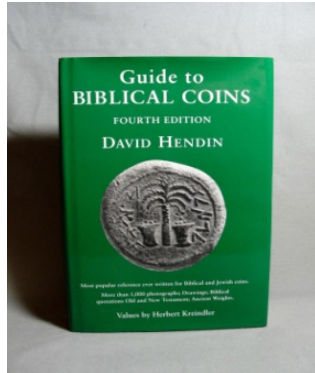
My favorite coin amongst the three pictured is the pattern quarter. This is notably differ-

ent than other 1792 patterns. It is much plainer with no notation as to the denomination. It is generally considered to be a pattern quarter but some have thought it may have been a possible cent. This is the rarest of the three and examples are known in white metal and copper as the one pictured. This is also the only copper specimen available (of two known) to collectors and is graded MS-63. There are four examples known in white metal and the example appearing in the sale is the only one available to collectors. It is graded XF-45

Doug Nyholm



# YOUNG NUMISMATISTS



## Numismatic Opportunities Abound When Assembling A New Testament Biblical Coin Collection

Last year, the January article for this column looked at some of the numismatic opportunities to be found when assembling a New Testament Biblical coin collection. I thoroughly enjoyed researching for and writing that article, so much so, that I decided I would do exactly what I had discussed in the article.

My journey started with a lot more research effort to determine all the people who were directly or indirectly referenced in the biblical writings and whether or not there were any coins directly associated with them. Studious research revealed coinage minted to honor all of the emperors who are referenced as well as coinage minted by all the members of the Herodian dynasty and the Prefects or Procurators of Judaea who are referenced in the New Testament. From a people perspective, all of the emperors from Augustus to Trajan with the exception of Galba, Otho, and Vitellius are included. Herodian dynasty members cited include all using the Herod name from the Great thru Agrippa II as well as Philip the Tetrarch who is often called Herod Philip II. The Roman provincial leadership includes Pontius Pilate, Antonius Felix, and Porcius Festus. While the identity of the Magi remains controversial, I elected to

include Azes II and to continue my research in this area. In addition to coins specifically associated with people, two other coin types identified include the Widow's Mite and the Shekel.

My research effort also included a review of the monetary system in use in the Roman Empire during time frame covered in the New Testament. My study in this area included all areas I felt I needed to understand so I could make smart purchase decisions. It included where and how coins were made; what was depicted on the coinage; the languages used; the metallic composition, size and weight of the coins; how the purchase power of the coinage used in the monetary system was determined, changed and revalued; and what 2000 year old coins should look like for various condition grades.

During my research, I primarily used two sources which were both informative and easy to use. The first was on-line Wikipedia searches and the other a book Guide to BIBLICAL COINS by David Hendin.

Once my research had provided me with the knowledge base I needed to assemble a collection, I began to search EBAY, at local dealers coin shops, and Heritage Auctions to de-

termine both coin availability and cost. While local availability was limited, EBAY dealers and Heritage Auctions offered an abundance of all but two of the coins needed. Those two coins were for Herod Antipas and Herod Philip II. I also determined that the collection could be assembled with coins in great condition for about \$3000.00. All factors considered, my wife and I decided this was a doable project for 2014.

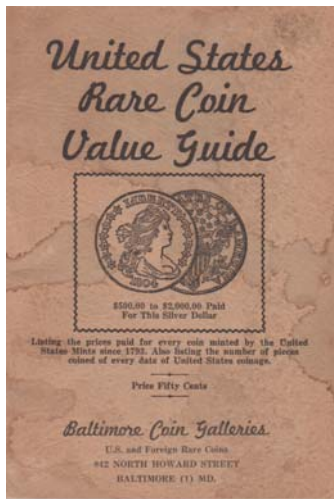
Pictured above are a Shekel of Type & a Widows Mite

While I purchased a few coins from AEQVITAS Numismatics (Lee McKenzie), Heritage, and a few EBAY dealers in Israel, the majority of the coins were bought from a great EBAY dealer, Trusted Coins. I consider Trusted Coins to be a highly reputable dealer who provides lifetime authenticity guarantees, often offers great discounts, and whose site offers easy access to a lot of educational information on ancient Greek and Roman coins.

Although I still need a couple of coins to complete the collection, I consider the past year's journey to have been very successful.

Phil Clark








This month's vintage coin guide comes from the Baltimore Coin Galleries. Although undated it appears to be circa 1948/49 as 1948 is the most current coins listed. It appears to be a buying price list from this company and I am completely amazed at their buy

prices. Most seated dimes are listed at 11 cents and the seated halves from the 1880's are 50 cents each with the 1878-S rarity at \$5.00. Even in 1948 there were companies trying to pay cents on the dollar for your rare coins.

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|                        |             |      | 1905 O         | (505,000)    | .50  |
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|                        |             |      | 1910           | (418,551)    | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1910 S         | (1,948,000)  | .50  |
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|                        |             |      | 1911 D         | (695,080)    | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1911 S         | (1,272,000)  | .50  |
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|                        |             |      | 1912 D         | (2,300,800)  | .50  |
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|                        |             |      | 1914 S         | (992,000)    | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1915           | (138,450)    | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1915 D         | (1,170,400)  | .50  |
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|                        |             |      | 1919           | (962,000)    | .50  |
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|                        |             |      | 1920           | (6,372,000)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1920 D         | (1,551,000)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1920 S         | (4,624,000)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1921           | (246,000)    | 1.00 |
|                        |             |      | 1921 D         | (208,000)    | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1921 S         | (548,000)    | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1923 S         | (2,178,000)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1927 S         | (2,392,000)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1928 S         | (1,940,000)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1929 D         | (1,001,200)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1929 S         | (1,902,000)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1933 S         | (1,786,000)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1934           | (6,964,000)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1934 D         | (2,361,400)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1934 S         | (3,652,000)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1935           | (9,162,000)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1935 S         | (3,854,000)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1935 D         | (3,003,800)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1936           | (12,617,901) | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1936 S         | (3,884,000)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1936 D         | (4,252,400)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1937           | (9,527,728)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1937 S         | (2,090,000)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1937 D         | (1,676,000)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1938           | (4,118,152)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1938 D         | (491,600)    | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1939           | (6,820,808)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1939 S         | (2,552,000)  | .50  |
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|                        |             |      | 1940           | (9,167,279)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1940 S         | (4,550,000)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1941           | (24,207,412) | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1941 S         | (8,098,000)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1941 D         | (11,248,400) | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1942           | (47,839,120) | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1942 S         | (12,708,000) | .50  |
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|                        |             |      | 1943           | (53,190,000) | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1943 S         | (13,450,000) | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1943 D         | (11,346,000) | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1944           | (28,206,000) | .50  |
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|                        |             |      | 1944 D         | (9,769,000)  | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1945           | (31,502,000) | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1945 S         | (10,156,000) | .50  |
|                        |             |      | 1945 D         | (9,966,800)  | .50  |
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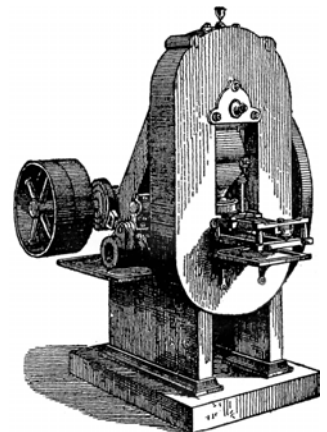


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## 1903-S Philippine 50 Centavo



One of only 2 known examples of a 1903-S 50c goes on the auction block in New York by Stacks/Bowers this month. Thought by many, that although mentioned in the mint report, to not exist. This coin was found in a Manila dealers junk box in the early 80's. Estimated to top \$50,000.00!



## ULTRA HIGH RELIEF ST. GAUDENS DOUBLE EAGLE

If any of you have had the opportunity to personally observe a "Ultra-High Relief" Saint they are truly a breathtaking coin. They are a whole level above even your above average High-Relief Saint.

The one being sold at auction this month is the second finest one known graded MS-68. There is one graded finer at MS-69. The top price for that coin was \$3 million and has since sold for several hundred thousand less but still a rarefied coin and one of the highest prices ever paid

for a single coin.

The present example has an additional bit of notoriety attached to it. It is engraved on the edge with ASG which indicates that it was the personal coin belonging to Augustus St. Gaudens. There are less than 2 dozen examples of Ultra-High relief Saints known and Heritage has produced an 8 page historical write up regarding their history and production. This is great reading for anyone interested in these historical coins.

Quoted in their story is an open-

ing quote from then President Theodore Roosevelt to Mint Director Roberts - *"I am not sure how long I shall be permitted to have such a coin in existence, but I want for once at least to have had this nation, the great republic of the West, with its extraordinary facility of industrial, commercial and mechanical expression, do something in the way of artistic expression that shall rank with the best work of the kind that has ever been done."*

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